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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0838

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PASS TO DR. GOUSE/USERDA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: US-POLISH COOPERATION IN COAL RESEARCH

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE MINISTRY OF MINING, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DR. GOUSE/USERDA, FIVE PROPOSALS TOTALING 96,479,097 ZLOTIES. THE PROPOSALS ARE BEING FORWARDED IN TRIPLICATE UNDER A-162. BELOW IS THE LIST OF TITLES AND PROPOSAL BUDGETS:

- A. CATALYSTS FOR HYDROGENATION PROCESSES - 8,178,375 ZL.
- B. COAL EXTRACTION AND ASH REMOVAL FROM EXTRACTS ON A LABORATORY SCALE - 28,476,030 ZL.
- C. CARBONIZATION OF SOLID RESIDUES FROM COAL LIQUEFACTION PROCESSES - 25,031,925 ZL.
- D. EFFECT OF HYDROGEN DONOR SOLVENT AND EXTRACTION RECYCLE SOLVENT PROPORTIONS ON THE RESULTS OF THE COAL EXTRACTION PROCESS - 5,089,348 ZL.
- E. NON-CATALYTIC COAL LIQUEFACTION IN THE PRESENCE OF HYDROGEN - 29,703,419 ZL.

2. APPARENTLY MISSING FROM THE ABOVE LIST ARE PRO-UNCLASSIFIED

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POSALS LISTED AS NUMBERS 2 AND 6 IN THE KATOWICE

PROCEEDINGS, UNLESS PROPOSAL LISTED UNDER B IN THIS CABLE IS INDEED NUMBER 2 UNDER A SOMEWHAT CHANGED TITLE. SKWARA WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THE ABOVE AND BOTH LESKIEWICZ AND KAHANEK ARE ON TDY IN MOSCOW AND LONDON RESPECTIVELY. THE EMBASSY WILL PASS TO GOUSE THE MINISTRY'S ADDITIONAL AND ELUCIDATING COMMENTS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

3. THE OVER-ALL VALUE OF PROPOSALS A THROUGH E APPEARS TO BE WELL WITHIN THE USERDA POTENTIAL OBLIGATION OF UP TO 5.35 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS FOR COAL LIQUEFACTION. THE PROPOSAL LISTED AS NUMBER 6 IN THE KATOWICE PROCEEDINGS, "COMBUSTION OF SYNTHETIC FUEL PRODUCTS FOR POWER GENERATION", CARRIES THE POLISH OBLIGATION OF 30 MILLION ZLOTIES. HOWEVER, THE FUTURE OF SUCH PROJECTS REMAINS UNCERTAIN IN VIEW OF A FIRM U.S. POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL UNDER POLISH FINANCED PROJECTS PRESENTED AT THE 1976 JOINT BOARD MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF MINE, FIVE PROPOSALS IN THE GENERAL AREA OF MINING TECHNOLOGY AND COAL PREPARATION WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF 22.2 MILLION ZLOTIES. THESE PROPOSALS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO YANCIK/BOM UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

5. JERZY SKWARA, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, REQUESTS THAT YOUR PROCESS THE SUBJECT PROPOSALS WITH UTMOST SPEED AND ADVISE HIM OF YOUR REACTION WHICH WILL LARGELY DETERMINE THE DATE OF ARRIVAL AND MAKE-UP OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE U.S. TO SIGN BINDING CONTRACTS.

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